

Landis Communities COVID-19 Update **August 3, 2022**

We hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer! The primary COVID-19 related question we are hearing these days is regarding the wearing of masks on the Landis Homes campus. A group of leaders from various areas of campus recently met to discuss the requirements. Their recommendations have been reviewed by Leadership Team and Landis Communities COVID-19 work group. The following guidelines will be implemented immediately:

Masks are required for all team members and visitors in Healthcare and Personal Care buildings. This includes all Dogwood public spaces, in compliance with the current regulations from the Health Update from the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) to the Health Alert Network (PA HAN) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Masks are optional for everyone in all other areas of the Landis Homes campus (indoors and outdoors) with the following conditions:

- Residents may put a visual cue on their doors requesting team members and visitors wear masks when entering their accommodation. These visual cues will be available at reception desks in the near future.
- Team members may request that others in a meeting wear masks.
- Campus supervisors are asked to wear masks across campus.
- Vaccine exempt team members must follow the accommodations grid for wearing of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) based on the current Community Transmission Level (Low, Moderate, Substantial, High).
- In the event of a serious outbreak or new variant leading to severe illness, leadership reserves the ability to ask team members to temporarily mask across campus.
- Vendors on campus (pharmacy, bank) may ask residents or team members to mask in their business areas.
- Landis Adult Day Services team members will wear masks based on current Community Transmission Level.
- Landis at Home team members will wear appropriate PPE in compliance with DOH recommendations while providing client care.

Wearing a mask in care areas and while in the presence of those who request they be worn is part of our mission to honor lives. Residents and team members are encouraged to embrace our values of compassion and joy as we live and work together in community.

The other question being asked is when the screening/check-in kiosks will go away. Although we started using this process to assist with COVID-19 screening, a system for electronic visitor check-in was being explored long before the pandemic began. Guest registration is a key element in maintaining a safe and secure campus. There is value in knowing who is in a building should an

evacuation be necessary or to aid in an investigation, among other reasons. At Landis Homes, please continue to have guests in central residential living areas (not cottages or hybrid homes) utilize the kiosks. Questions on the kiosk will be updated when appropriate.

Since July 4, there have been 25 team members across all affiliates who have tested positive for COVID-19. One Landis at Home client from the greater community reported a positive test. Landis Homes residents testing positive include 40 in Residential Living, one person in Personal Care and 3 who live in Healthcare areas.

Current trends among team members and RL residents are individuals testing positive after travel and those having close contact with an infected person in their home.

Please **stay up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccinations**. COVID-19 vaccine boosters can enhance or restore protection that might have decreased over time after your primary series vaccination. You are considered up-to-date immediately after getting all recommended boosters. Vaccine clinics on the Landis Homes campus continue on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Contact Jenny Sheckells at 717.381.3573 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Blessings to you for a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer!

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